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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 7/14/2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4-7 and 10-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1,4,6-7,10,12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5,11 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-12 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Specification

2. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

Page 7, lines 28-29, state that "a spring-loaded roller 130 rolls past a cutting blade 132, as shown schematically in Figure 1." However, it does not appear that the roller and blade are shown in Figure 1 and therefore it appears that "Figure 1" should be changed to --Figure 4--.

On page 8, line 1, the end of the sentence is missing.

On page 9, line 16, the claim statement, "I claim" was left at the bottom on the specification and not continued onto the top of page 10, where the claims begin.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Objections

3. Claim 7 is objected to because of the following informalities:

There is a lack of antecedent basis for "the housing" as set forth in claim 7, line 6, and should therefore be changed to -- a housing--.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1, 5,6,10-12, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Stephenson (U.S. Patent 4,773,532). Stephenson discloses a dispenser for a hand covering (sterile gloves), comprising a housing (14) to receive a roll of thin, flexible film (roll, 11) having opposing side edges to be used as a hand covering (glove); a form (glove, 12) configured to be grasped by a user through the film (by inserting their hand in the glove) such that the film (12) temporarily clings to the user's hand; and a set of interlocking chains (17) or opposing belts on either side of the housing to retain the side edges of the film as it moves through the dispenser for each use.

In regards to claim 6, Stephenson discloses a hand shaped opening (22) to assist the a user in grasping the form (12)

In regards to claim 7, Stephenson discloses a dispenser (sterile glove dispenser), comprising a roll of thin, flexible film (11) having opposing side edges and an adhesive surface (the gloves are attached by adhesive to backing sheet 10) to be used as a hand covering (wherein the adhesive is on the outside of the glove which is used as a hand covering); a form (glove, 12) configured to be grasped by a user through the film (by

inserting their hand in the glove) with the adhesive surface facing outwardly (on outside of the glove) such the film temporarily adheres to the user's hand by means of the glove 12, and a set interlocking chains (perforations 17; Figure 2, whereby each sheet has a set of chains) or opposing belts on either side of a housing to retain the side edges of the film as it moves though the dispenser for each use.

In regards to claim 12, Henderson discloses a hand-shaped opening (22) to assist a user in grasping the form.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 4 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stephenson in view of Broehl (U.S. Publication 2002/0073821). Stephenson discloses a tear lines to cut the film into individual sheets as shown in Figure 2, but does not disclose a cutter. Attention is therefore directed to the Broehl device that discloses a sheet material dispenser wherein Broehl discloses that it is old and well known to provide a means of separating the sheet material by utilizing a pre-formed perforation line to tear the sheet material at set increments, or by providing a cutter bar that can tear the sheet material at indiscriminate increments. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to have provided a cutter bar on the device of Stephenson

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to increase its versatility so that it could be used with non-perforated sheet material as taught by Broehl.

Allowable Subject Matter

8. Claims 5 and 11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior art fails to teach a dispenser with a housing being lifted up that when falls back into position is responsible of resetting the dispenser as set forth in claims 5 and 11.

Conclusion

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. U.S. Patent 5,927,543 to Dejardin et al., U.S. Patent 6,375,034 to Corbett, and U.S. Publication 2004/0082454 to White et al.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Laura M. Brean whose telephone number is (571) 272-8339. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 4:30pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Boyer Ashley can be reached on (571) 272-4502. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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